THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The original estimated cost of Golden Quardrilateral Project at 1999 price was Rs. 25,055 crore (excluding interest during construction (IDC) and escalation). The expenditure as on 31.10.2005 on the project is Rs. 23,303.59 crore. The final cost indication would be arrived at only after completion of all projects. However, it is estimated that the actual expenditure on the project will not differ much from the estimated cost, allowing for normal inflation.

(c) and (d) It is estimated that the Golden Quadrilateral Project would be substantially completed by June, 2006.

The reason for delay in some contracts are:

(i) Delay in land acquisition;

(ii) Delay in environmental and forest clearances;

(iii) Delay in shifting of utilities;

(iv) Delay in clearances of Railway over Bridges;

(v) Law and order problems;

(vi) Poor performance by some contractors etc.

Over Bridge on Badarpur Border

†257. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much time the proposed construction of over bridge on the Badarpur Border would take which was sanctioned in April, 2005;

(b) whether Government have entered into any financial contract with any private company;

(c) the cost likely to be incurred on the construction of this over bridge and whether cost be recovered through toll tax realised from the vehicles passing throrugh the over bridge and the time-frame for its completion; and

(d) whether tender would be invited globally and international companies would also participate in this?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The construction of Overbridge at Badapur border on National Highway No. 2 is likely to take three years and six months from the date of award on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis;

(b) No Sir.

(c) The estimated cost of construction of this over-bridge is Rs. 270.00 crore. The project is proposed to be awarded on BOT basis where the concessionaire would recover the cost by levying user fee. The proposed concession period would be about 20 years including the period of construction.

(d) Tenders will be invited on international competitive biddirig process,

Road accidents in the country

258. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed and injured in road accidents each year in the country, during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the efforts being made by Government to minimize accidents;

(c) the causes for such accidents;

(d) in what manner the death scenario in road accident in India, compare with that of U.K., U.S.A., France, Germany and Pakistan etc. having regard to per lack population deaths; and

(e) what is correlation between increasing number of road accidents and explosion in the number of Vehicles on road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Details of number of road accidents, persons killed and persons injured on all roads in the country during the year 2001, 2002 & 2003 as reported by the respective State Government?.'UT Administrations are annexed as Statement. *(See* below)

(b) Some of the important steps taken by the Central Government to